Constables.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Next I beg to move that "*the minimum pay of the constables be put at Rs. 15.*" Of course, we all know that our Police are not made up of men of status and education like the London Police. We know the small pay that is given now will not attract men with character and status to become Police constables. We really want men with status. Their minimum pay is Rs. 12 now. I wish it ought to be raised to Rs. 15. The Special Finance Committee proposes three grades, Rs. 12, Rs. 14 and Rs. 16. The Diwan Peishkar wants to omit the Rs. 12 grade. He proposes Rs. 14 and 16. I say it must be uniformly Rs. 15.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I second that.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What I say is we must have strong men and men of character. If our present Police administration has become to a certain extent corrupt, it is because we lack in men with character and status. We want better men with better qualification and for that we must give better pay. So I put that the minimum may be Rs. 15.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I beg to second that.

Deputy President.—Does anybody oppose ? What is the maximum pay ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No maximum. Government can give the maximum.

The question that the minimum pay of Police Constables be Rs. 15 was put and agreed to.

Deputy President.—We will take additional privileges to inferior servants.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—But we have not finished inferior servants. There is my main resolution standing.

Deputy President.—You can bring it at the end.

Peons.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There is one resolution, 43.

"*This Council recommends to the Government that all peons (including also Excise peons) may be put on one uniform time-scale of Rs. 10—1 biennial—15, instead of the two grades 10 to 12 and 12 to 14 as proposed*".

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We have already passed a resolution that the pay of all servants should be Rs. 12 rising to Rs. 15.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There are two grades 10 to 12 and 12 to 14. That gradation may be deleted.

Deputy President.—That has disappeared.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Automatically disappeared.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Have we disposed of Jail Warders ?

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